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Celebrating Elementary School Grads: Special Pages Inside

Fishing for fishies
A young angler shows off a rock bass caught at the Dorset Kids' Fishing Derby. See more photos on pages 14 and 15. /TIM YANO Special to the *Times*

Work OKed for Minden Hills comms tower

by **JAMES MATTHEWS**
Times Staff

Public consultation requirements before a new communications tower can be erected in Minden Hills have been met.

The proposed wireless communication tower will be on Claude Brown Road adjacent to Bob's Lake. It entails a 90-metre guyed tower and a walk-in equipment cabinet located within an enclosed compound.

The tower and equipment will be located in a fenced compound with restricted access occupying 72 square metres. Based on information provided by the agent, the nearest existing tower is about six kilometres away and does not provide meaningful service to the targeted area around Bob Lake.

It's part of the Eastern Ontario Regional Network Cell-Gap Project and will improvement service for residents and businesses in

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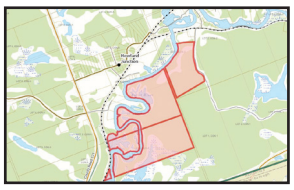

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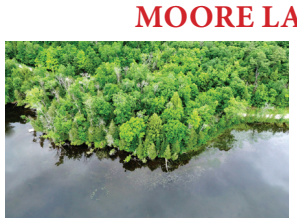

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Council waives snail dumping tipping fees

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Times Staff

Minden Hills residents won't need their waste disposal card marked when disposing invasive lake snails at landfills.

Township council also decided to waive tipping fees for any licensed individual who brings bags of the snails to a landfill.

This year was the fourth outing of the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Association's effort to stymie the reproduction and spread of invasive snails in Haliburton County lakes.

The association's main priority is to protect and enhance lake health through ensuring natural shorelines and promoting efficient septic systems.

The effort involves as many as 400 volunteers who troll the region's lakes to remove invasive snails such as the Banded Mystery Snail and the Chinese Mystery Snail.

"As far as I'm concerned, I think we should be doing it as long as it's being done right," Mayor Bob Carter said. "It shouldn't mean that somebody has to get a little tick on their yellow card."

Carter was referencing the waste disposal cards distributed to residents and businesses to allow the disposal of household waste and access to municipal landfill sites.

At the rate the snails reproduce, Carter said if a million of them are removed from a lake, you've in effect taken out a hundred million snails.

The snails have to be carefully handled and disposed of double-bagged and tightly sealed. How the snails are packaged, for lack of a better descriptor, is important as they can be spread by birds that pick them up as food. As they breed quickly, the snails would speedily populate another lake should some be dropped there.

The snails spread viruses and swimmer's itch and can blanket a shoreline so badly it would be difficult to walk there.

"I don't know why I believed in my mind that this council had approved disposal of them last year," Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell said. "I specifically can remember the discussion of how they had to be in plastic bags and left to die."

She suggested her memory could be of when the issue was brought to Haliburton County. Ultimately, she said it's something that township council needs to be accommodated.

Carter said the issue may have been brought to the previous township council.

"In going back in my correspondence with the (Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Association) and so on, is that Minden was accepting the snails and in fact the attendants at Scotch Line were fully informed of what to do and how it had to be done," Carter said.

He said a license is required to be able to remove the invasive snails from lakes. And that documentation is required to bring the bags of snails to a landfill.

"That license validates that they have done it in accordance with Ministry (of Environment, Conservation, and Parks) guidelines and that they're being disposed of properly," said Chelsea Cosh, manager of the township's waste disposal sites.

She cautioned council that waiving the tipping fees may open the door to other similar situations in the future.

"I think this is something that's very important to the health of our lakes," Carter said.

Abbey Gardens market ends

The Haliburton Farmers' Market Association will no longer be running their Abbey Gardens market on Fridays. Establishing a new weekly market has presented many challenges; an unlucky combination of factors has resulted in this unfortunate decision. The HCFMA will continue to run markets on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in downtown Minden and on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Haliburton at Head Lake Park. The HCFMA would like to apologize for any inconvenience to their beloved patrons who are impacted by this decision.

Submitted

Cell tower to be lit for float planes' safety

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the area.

The EORN Cell-Gap Project is designed to improve cell coverage across the area where people live, work and travel by closing gaps coverage gaps in wireless communications infrastructure. It will increase network capacity and allow future development and the introduction of new technology over time.

Eric Belchamber, a consultant for Rogers Communications, said all the required consultation has taken place.

Township council will issue a letter of concurrence that all requirements have been met for the project.

Belchamber said there's been rumblings of concern about Claude Brown Road and the use of a portion of the thoroughfare that crosses private property.

"It is considered to be an access road under the Road Access Act, the provincial legislation, that there are no prohibitions regarding Rogers' use of the road," Belchamber said.

Councillor Tammy McKelvey broached the issue of lighting on the cell towers.

"We've had this before where we've actually requested lighting on the tower," she said.

"We have to abide by Transport Canada's lighting requirements," Belchamber said. "The vast majority of 90-metre tall, guyed towers, which this proposal is, do require lighting.

"Towers that are generally below that height in terms of the other 60-metre self-support towers that have been proposed in Minden Hills generally wouldn't require lighting. But we've made a special note that lighting would be installed on the facility, despite Transport Canada indicating that it wouldn't be required."

McKelvey said the part of Claude Brown Road that approaches the private portion is extremely narrow. She suggested that may be a problem for large equipment.

"So you're saying that if there's any damage (to the road) that's a result of you taking your equipment then you're going to fix that," she said. "What happens if you need it wider than it is?"

"We are familiar with the road," Belchamber said. "We are familiar with the nature of the road and we will be respectful. Any damage caused will be remediated."

Contractors will be encouraged to take pre-work and post-installation photographs of the road, he said. There could be maintenance work on the tower potentially every two or three years.

Maintenance work will typically consist of a pickup truck driving the road to the tower on an as-needed basis, he said.

"Once the tower is built and construction is completed, there will not be a steady stream of maintenance vehicles," he said.

Coun. Pam Sayne said tower lighting is necessary to ensure the safety of float planes that fly through the area to the many local lakes. Waterbombers will also be required in the event of forest fires.

"It's a critical issue for us in this area," she said.

Naebr Design prepares for Bookapalooza

by **THOMAS SMITH**
Editor

Naebr Design is a letterpress printing and stationery business that operates out of Minden. The business was started in 2019 by Natalia Brown. The name Naebr Design comes from letters in her first, middle, and last name.

"Originally in 2019 I officially started the business under the same name. I was creating wedding stationery and all of the pieces that go with those. It was created out of me making my own wedding invitations and learning how to design stationery for my own wedding. I thought it was neat and exciting and figured I could do that for other people," said Brown.

Through designing her own wedding invitations, Brown fell in love with the artistry and process involved with designing and printing stationery.

Brown also had a strong interest in fountain pens and desired a way to make use of them. Through pen pals in several countries, she enjoyed the feeling of creating stationery and receiving letters through 'snail mail'.

"Something that has stuck with me is sending someone a message then getting something in the mail and hearing back from someone," said Brown.

"Another wedding stationery designer that I was following along with, their main form of printing was letterpress printing for wedding stationery. They offered a fully online course for everything you need to know to learn letterpress printing. I spent the money and the time watching all of these wonderful videos that broke down the press's capabilities and their limitations."

"Then, I started looking for a press. I found one in 2021," said Brown. The press was found in Kingston, through an online forum called Briar press.

"It was a floor model press with a small footprint. It was a very fateful online meeting," said Brown.

Since starting the business in 2019, Brown says the business has quickly expanded.

Natalia Brown, founder of Naebr design will be offering her letterpress cards, stationary, and gifts at Bookapalooza in Minden on July 13. /Submitted

"I still do wedding stationery. All the letterpress stuff was added to it," said Brown.

"Greeting cards overall have become my main focus, it's where I put all my time and effort into. The top sellers are the ones with a little bit of sass or passive aggressiveness. The ones that have swear words tend to be good sellers," said Brown with a laugh.

"It's fun in person getting people to read stuff. The people who stop and take a minute to read them will find one they think is pretty funny."

Naebr Design features humorous cards for every occasion in addition to her stock changing throughout the various holidays.

"As far as inspiration goes, I have an ongoing notebook that is just for my ideas. A lot of times if I hear conversations I will either e-mail or text myself something to put in my book. I like to keep track of things that I hear. I like to write them down and have them somewhere."

Brown says that she enjoys keeping cards broad and far reaching. Her cards are perfect for every occasion, with just a touch of humour and sass. In addition to the selection of cards, Brown offers custom graphic design and stationery printing.

"I do a lot of custom work. I do a lot of business branding type stationery," said Brown.

"I've done things like custom gift certificates for local businesses. Gift certificates are thicker and they stand out more. I really enjoy doing them."

"I'd love to be doing more letterpress wedding stationery. That is the reason I started my business. I like working with clients and doing more custom stuff," said Brown. "I am also reaching out to retail stores and working on growing the wholesale aspect of it so my cards can move beyond just me and my studio in my house and the online model. I'd like them in the public eye. In person, they tend to catch people's eyes and make people laugh.

Brown says she hopes to have a solid greeting card and stationary line for all occasions, for people with good or mischievous intentions.

"I love the analog, slow going way of doing things. I think when people put more thought and care into the things we are doing, it shows the people around us that we care about them," said Brown.

Naebr Design and a variety of other artisans and authors will be appearing at the Bookapalooza event in Minden on July 13.

Brown is excited to showcase their hand printed wares at Bookapalooza, saying that there is a wonderful connection between stationery and readers and writing.

"It pairs well for people who love stationery and paper products, and those writing to share and to connect with others. I've got people who have come back both years that I've done it," said Brown. "They come back for the perfectly imperfect bin. These have slight imperfections and you can tell that they are handmade."

"It's so repetitive and detail oriented and nit picky, there are so many variables and it takes so much time to print properly. It works very well for my brain," said Brown.

Naebr Design's online retail store can be reached at www.naebr.ca. Naebr Design offers a variety of cards, art prints, and stickers. Naebr Design also offers custom designs by request and graphic design services for businesses.

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- Join us for our Community Heritage Series: *Railroad Days in Haliburton County* presented by local author Janet Trull, on Thursday, July 11 at 5 pm. Visit the online calendar for more info. For more information on all our programs and exhibits email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca or call 705-286-3763.

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- **July 25 – Regular Council Meeting**
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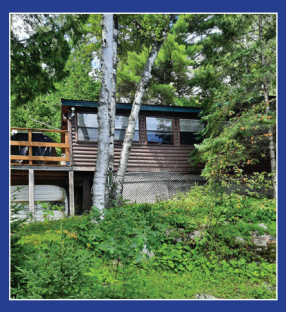

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Jo-Anne Thornton is a co-op student completing a Bachelor of Education in Public Health from Connestoga College. Her co-op placement is currently with the HKPR District Health Unit monitoring the lakes in Haliburton County. /THOMAS SMITH Staff

Lakes are now being testing

by **THOMAS SMITH**
Editor

The Haliburton, Kawartha, and Pine Ridge District Health Unit began testing Haliburton County waters for E. coli on June 17th. Typically, locations are tested every week. If a swimming area historically has tested well in the past, the testing occurs every two weeks.

Sixteen out of the 19 swimming areas that are tested in Haliburton County are tested every two weeks, said Bernard Mayer, Environmental Health Manager for HKPR District Health.

"We only test for *E. coli*," said Mayer. "It would be an indicator of feces, either human or animal."

Mayer describes the health of the lakes excellent for swimming. The waters are tested every second week "because they have a history of excellent water quality," said Mayer.

The three locations in Haliburton County that are tested every week include the Rotary Park Lagoon and Rotary Beach in Minden and the Rotary Head Lake Beach in Haliburton.

"Birds, fish, they all do their business in the water," said Mayer. "The likely cause of the elevated *E. coli* is water fowl. You could be swimming in goose poop."

Elevated levels of *E. coli* are particularly harmful to young children, said Mayer. Children are more likely to put their head under the water or swallow contaminants and become ill.

> "You could be swimming in goose poop."
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> **— BERNARD MAYER, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MANAGER OF HKPR DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT**

The HKPR District Health Unit has a colour coded system of alerts for swimming safety. Alerts are shown on their website or by physical signs throughout the county with green, yellow, and red indicators. Green means the water body is safe to swim in. Yellow means there is a moderate risk to swimming in the water body and that a high level of *E. coli* has been detected in the water. Red means that there is an elevated amount of *E. coli* present in the water. There is a greater risk in swimming in the water. Samples are collected where the water is 1 foot deep, six inches under the surface. Five samples are taken from each location.

In the five years of working for the HKPR District Health Unit, Mayer could not recall a time when a beach had to be fully shut down.

It is highly recommended to check the Beach Water Monitoring levels as shown on the HKPR District Health Unit's website https://www.hkpr.on.ca/.

Some other tips that Mayer wishes to share include wearing waterproof sunscreen that is higher than SPF 30, to never swim during a lightning storm, and to always take garbage away with you after enjoying our beaches in the County. When food wrappers and garbage is left, it encourages birds and other wildlife to go the shoreline, further increasing the levels of *E. coli* in the water.

Blue-Green algae is another risk to people's health when swimming. Despite its name, blue-green algae is a type of bacteria called cyanobacteria. While commonly occurring as a blue-green film on the surface of the lake, it can also be reddish or brown. Not all blooms of blue-green algae produce toxins dangerous to human health . If you believe there is blue-green algae in your water body, contact the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. They can be contacted over the phone by dialing 1-800-262-6060.

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White water rescue

On July 4, at approximately 1 p.m. the Haliburton Highlands detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), Minden Hills Fire Department and Haliburton EMS responded to a 9-1-1 call placed by a retired police officer. The caller, who was on scene, was informed of a person who had fallen into the water at Minden Wild Water Preserve and was swept away by the current.

Information had been provided by witnesses that an adult woman had gone into the water accidently and was not wearing a life jacket. OPP, Fire and EMS arrived on scene shortly after, the individual was located by an off-duty firefighter who was kayaking nearby and was able to bring them safely to shore.

The victim was transported to a medical facility for treatment of minor injuries.

Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are reminding outdoor enthusiasts to be diligent about safety whether on land or water. Always wear a PFD or life jacket, never swim alone, know your limits and stay within them.

Submitted by
Haliburton Highlands OPP

RotaryFest approaches Minden with haste

by **THOMAS SMITH**
Editor

Minden Rotary is gearing up to celebrate RotaryFest on August 17. This year will mark the third anniversary of Minden RotaryFest and there are big plans to make it the biggest, most exciting RotaryFest to date. This year, RotaryFest is taking over a part of downtown Minden from Water Street to Newcastle.

"We started RotaryFest to bring awareness to our not-for-profit partners and this year we have moved downtown to celebrate the business community as well," said Dave Woodcroft, past president of Minden Rotary Club." "Almost all of the downtown merchants will be taking part. We are running the event in conjunction with the Farmer's and Artisan's markets."

The event will feature a variety of food vendors, games for youth and adults, artist demonstrations and music. Boshkung Brewing will be putting the music program for the festival together. Music will be performed by local musicians and all music will be appropriate for all ages. Money will be raised for the Rotary Club throughout the day through prize draws and admission. Admission to the event will be by donation.

"I am excited to see the whole community come together to help our not-for-profit partners attain their goals, bring some exposure to our local merchants and to have one big party," said Woodcroft.

Cruise and dine now available on Twelve Mile Lake

"It was a calm, beautiful warm evening with decadent dishes served by Maria Jennings of Heather Lodge. A delicious three course meal prepared by chef James Jennings, and a comfy cruise navigated by Captain Spencer Bowker of Ski-Mazing Watersports," said Craig Bowker, owner of Ski-Mazing Watersports. Heather Lodge is currently offering Cruise N Dine experiences on Tuesdays Thursday, and Saturday evenings by reservation with a limit of eight persons per cruise. Reservations can be made with Heather Lodge at 705-489-3257. Ski-Mazing Watersports is also offering plush pontoon boat cruises daily with durations of one and a half or three hours. Half-day tours with beach, sun and swim experiences are also available. They can be contacted directly at 705-455-7697 for rates and reservations. /Submitted

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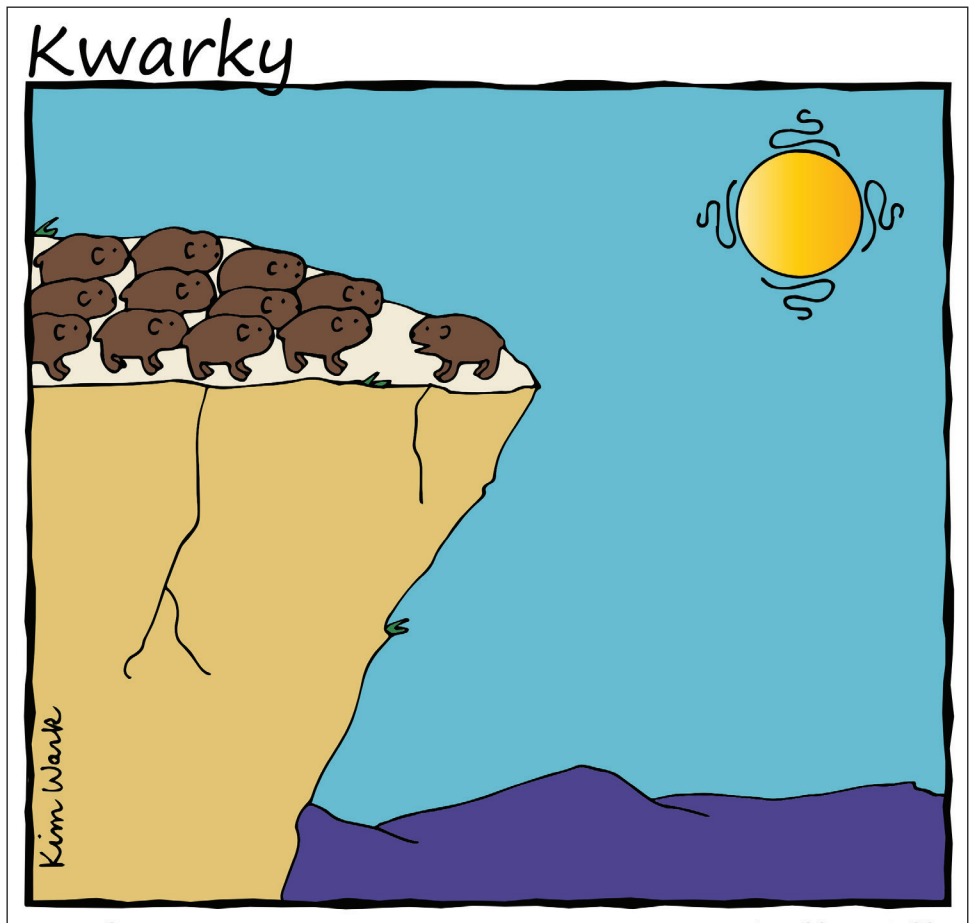


"It's fake news! Lemmings never jumped off a cliff!"

A new perspective

AH, SUMMER in the Highlands.

It's a time to have slow mornings on the dock and fun afternoons on the lake, speeding across the water in boats and on jet skis, towing a tube or water skier behind.

Evenings are for bonfires with friends, and a good night's sleep after a day in the sun and fresh air.

Sounds dreamy, right?

For locals, you may only see days like that in your dreams.

On my own days off, that's exactly how I'd like to spend them, but sometimes life gets in the way or nature has other plans.

It's either raining, or errands need to be taken care of before any leisure activities.

Trust me, I know this can fester resentment.

Cottagers and other visitors seem to be able to come up for weeks at a time, while locals are working overtime during the "busy season".

VIVIAN COLLINGS
Times Staff

The most beautiful months of the year are spent working when you live here full-time and work in tourism, a trade, or any kind of service industry.

Our little corner of the world revolves around the summer.

I know this used to upset me.

In high school and college, I'd spend July and August working multiple jobs, usually seven days a week to save up for the school year.

My friends did the same.

This year, though, I'm choosing to have a new perspective.

Tourism is why we're all here.

The only other asset that might keep our little towns alive is the lumber industry. But even then, we saw how quickly we could deplete those resources if we look back at our history.

All locals may not get to enjoy the lakes and rivers quite the same as seasonal residents and visitors, but we're still here.

We get to take in these sights everyday simply through a drive to work.

Our backyard is beautiful.

And, we choose to live here.

This lifestyle comes with the territory.

Instead of being frustrated by long drives through traffic in town, I'm now giving myself extra time and deciding to be appreciative instead.

When all of the gas station pumps are being used, I wait.

When there's a line at the grocery store, I wait.

A few extra minutes here and there isn't a hard price to pay when it means we can have nice things.

I try picturing what Minden would look like as a ghost town, with businesses boarded up and abundant real estate from families packing up and moving away.

It's not a nice sight, and it's all too real for so many small towns.

We're lucky.

Every year, I grow more thankful for the hustle and bustle, and actually miss it when school starts back up and the leaves start to change.

Winter is a long time to go when Main Street has only a couple of cars lining either side each day for months.

So, if you're a seasonal resident or visitor, thank you for being here. The county is better because you're around.

Let cooler heads prevail

THERE HAVE been a lot of great advances in the outdoors over the last few years or so, but none so great as the advances in the price of a cooler.

The other day, after I perused a website to see the latest and greatest coolers, it occurred to me that I bought my first car for less.

To be fair, the recent and substantial increase in the price of coolers is for good reason. They now come with stickers.

This is something the coolers of my youth did not have. That has led me to wonder if the actual cooler prices have remained the same, and the extra money is just due to the skyrocketing price of stickers.

There's really no way to know.

STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

Having said that, no one can deny that cooler design, and the materials used in their construction, have radically improved since those coolers that our fathers dragged out for every picnic, camping trip, and family reunion. We now have coolers that can keep food cold for as long as eight days, which is excellent for the forgetful and the slow eaters.

Also, coolers are now made to serve two purposes (three, if you include draining your bank account). They primarily keep food cool, but they also serve as a seat or step stool. I'm guessing, this has been hard on the seat and step stool industry – and as a result, I soon expect some seat and step stool manufacturers to get into the cooler business too. Turnabout is fair play, right?

Of course, for the creative, there are other unintended uses for coolers too. For instance, one company makes a cooler that is so big that I could easily lay down inside it, which makes me think that long after I have had my last car camping trip with it, it could be used as my sarcophagus – and even cryogenic chamber if the undertaker filled the empty spaces with enough ice.

That way, when archeologists in the future unearth me, they will make false assumptions about my fantastic wealth and societal status based on the cooler I am housed in – and they will do so as they are enjoying an ancient, frosty, cold beer.

I guess what's happening here is that the cooler industry has now come to realize its worth – and that since no one likes warm ice cream or salmonella, they've got us exactly where they want us.

To many of us, they are absolutely worth the price. After all, a good cooler is one of those outdoors tools that can be used three seasons a year and, if you buy the right one, will last a lifetime.

The thing is, I never thought I'd see the day when a cooler was more expensive than a fridge of equal size. Or a time when the type of cooler you owned was a status symbol.

How bad is it getting? Well, I envision that sometime, in the near future, country club membership applications will have a question asking which brand of cooler you own.

As for myself, I will continue to use the old cooler my dad used – the one that keeps everything at room temperature until the ice melts.

Which works out just fine for me – I'm a fast eater.

InOtherWords

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Alice Munro Redux

Toronto Star's July 7th story about Alice Munro's clay feet will resound across the nation, and I think will tell us as much about who we are as any other shifting of the tectonics of certainty. There will be those who castigate her – that devious witch! She had us all fooled! There will be those who claim to have known all along -- well maybe not the specifics but that something was amiss with that woman. (Although that'll be a bit hard to pull off, because the theme of the story is not so much what happened but how 'naturally' it was silenced, so to be among the silenced is not a great position.)

And surely it will put some flesh (ugh!) on the debate about whether the daughter, Andrea's, experience was real sexual abuse, since no penetration was reported. And maybe it was a one-off (it wasn't; it continued in some fashion until Andrea reached puberty and was no longer Gerry's 'type'). And whether Humberto was really a bad man or Lolita was really at fault for tempting him beyond his capacity to resist – that argument allowed Gerry to forgive/explain himself, as it has many others. Gerry was 80 when the accusation became public – or what passed for public – and there will have been many who agree that at that age, there's no value in making his transgressions public because he's too old and flabby (ugh!) to be an active threat.

FAY MARTIN
Poke, Peel, Pair, Ponder

(The story is particularly interesting in context of Frank Stronach, the same week, being hauled into court at age 91 with a line-up of accusers that grows by the day – none, as far as we know, children. Gerry was in court in 2005 and got two year's probation; it'll be interesting to see what Stronach gets – in part because he's the icon, whereas Gerry was the one-plus.)

In my peon to Alice on the occasion of her death, I ended up wishing she had told us the way out of the dilemma of women's complex sexuality that dominates her writing. Guess what? The dilemma she describes is her dilemma and she died without naming it, let alone claiming it as hers to solve in any way. That's what we now know.

So if she were the protagonist in her own story, she'd be the woman who walked out of what seemed like a perfectly good relationship, leaving her three daughters in the care of their father Jim, falling for Gerry (as in can't live without him), turning a blind eye to Gerry's pedophilia, giving the personal and professional consequences to herself precedence over the harm to her daughter when Andrea told her the truth, using her status and power to model silence/erasure as the way forward when Gerry was found guilty in a court of law (in teeny tiny Goderich, far away from urban glare), taking her power to the grave.

Well, none of those elements are missing from Alice's oeuvre.

So Alice named it without claiming it and certainly not, as far as we know, trying to solve it. Much like her characters. She did what writers are told to do, write what you know. But not in first person. Didn't adopt the yoke of truthfulness that memoir demands. Left that to the brave. In this case Andrea.

Andrea is telling her story to change the world. Very specifically, she is suggesting that families – all kinds of families, including 'good' ones, encompassing those with people of great power and those without – look to see if sexual impropriety (to use a neutral phrase) is at play before their very eyes, and to drag it into the light of day.

This takes our awareness of sexual abuse a step beyond #MeToo, into the private world of families and the unthinkable world of sexual abuse of children. It raises the terrible reality that it happens in 'good' families. Famous families. And that there is a pervasive and powerful intent to keep it secret. That secrecy is warranted because the harm of outing the story spreads across a very broad spectrum – in this case, in addition to Andrea as the direct victim, four parents, three siblings, their subsequent families, their larger social networks, and yes, the Canadian literary world! (What would choosing a pedophile over your daughter do to a writer's chance of getting a Nobel prize? Not enhance it, of that I'm sure.)

So who's to blame here? No one and everyone. Patriarchy, the power of the penis. All of us, for a long time, in many ways, making sex the centre of life. Giving the penis power it does not deserve.

Who made it the boss? We did. We do. We should absolutely reconsider.

I am reminded here of what my husband said in his later days, when dementia was well in place. He frequently dropped his drawers or reached deep inside to rearrange himself. Eventually I asked him why he kept fussing with his genitals. He looked bemused and said, 'Dunno. For such a little thing, it causes a lot of trouble.'

Yup. If we let it.

Minden Memories

Taken in the 1920s, two players from the Minden soccer team can be identified here: The third player from the right in the back row is identified as Fred Stinson, while the young man on the lower right is Bert Soward. /Photo courtesy of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre

letters to the editor

We deserve answers

To the Editor,

In an article in the July 3rd Minden Times, Irene Odell states that there was a very high risk of both Minden and Haliburton ERs being closed without warning and that Minden could not have remained open if Haliburton had closed.

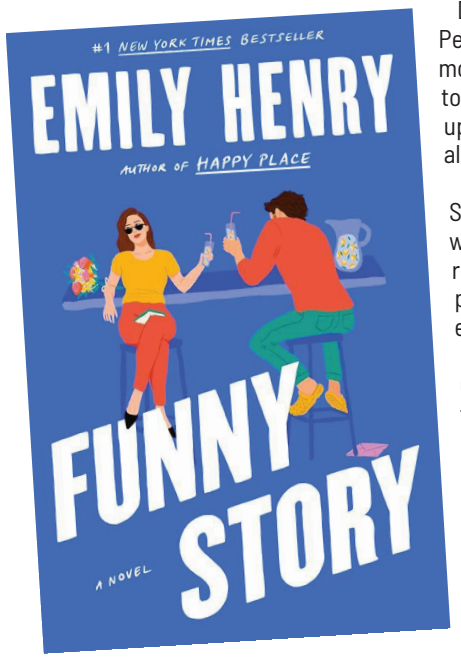
Minden ER had a core group of dedicated, highly qualified ER doctors for many years, who recruited other highly qualified doctors to keep our ER going. They would gladly have continued to do so. Instead, despite their years of dedication, they too were terminated with no real explanation.

A shortage of nurses was used as an excuse but there were qualified nurses who had applied and whose applications were not even acknowledged. It's interesting that they were able to hire so many nurses after the closure.

We all need a detailed explanation, of Ms. Odell's statements, with proof, about the closure of Minden's ER, including the reason for the ridiculously short timeline.

Pat Brezina
Minden

HCPL's Book of the Week



Daphne always loved the way her fiancé Peter told their story. How they fell in love, and moved back to his hometown to begin their life together. He really was good at telling it ... right up until the moment he realized he was actually in love with his childhood best friend Petra.

Which is how Daphne begins her new story: Stranded in beautiful Waning Bay, Michigan, without friends or family and proposing to be roommates with the only person who could possibly understand her predicament: Petra's ex, Miles Nowak.

The roommates mainly avoid one another, until one day, while drowning their sorrows, they form a plan. If said plan also involves posting deliberately misleading photos of their summer adventures together, well, who could blame them?

Funny Story by Emily Henry is available to borrow from the Haliburton County Public Library.

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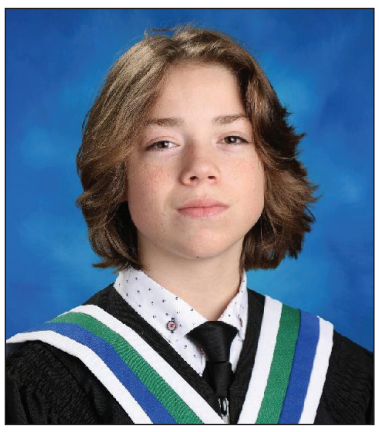
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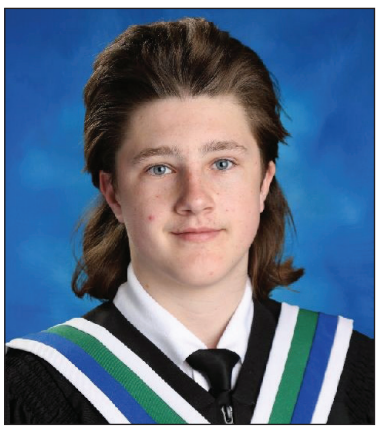
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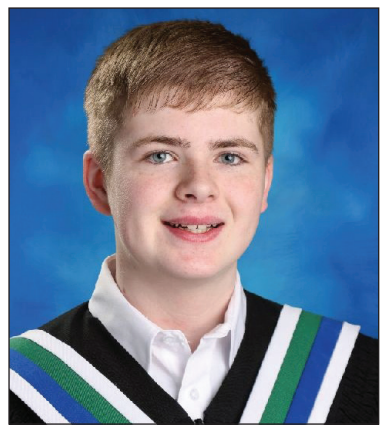
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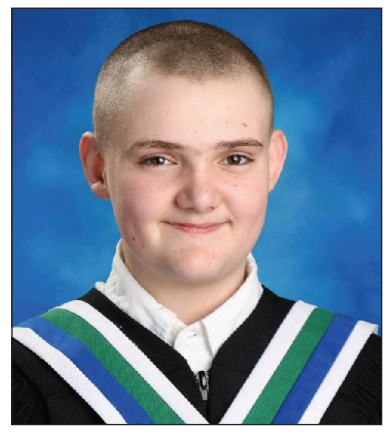
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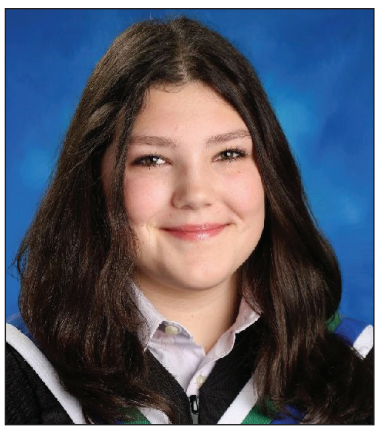
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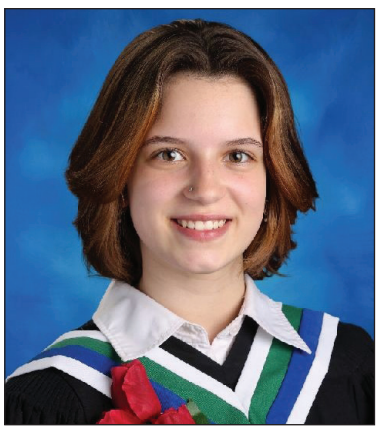
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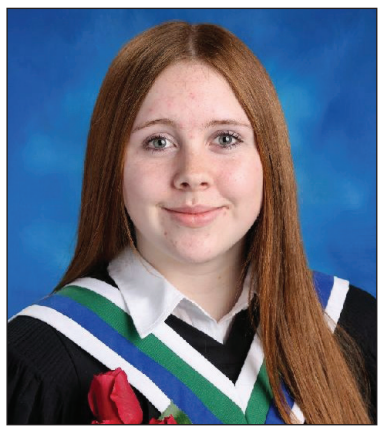
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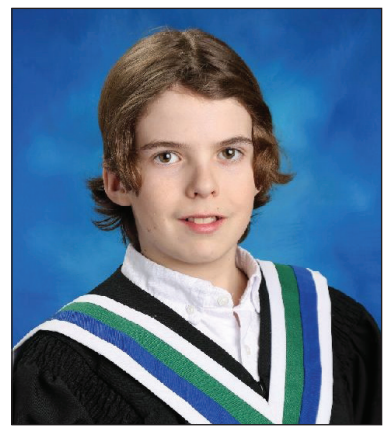
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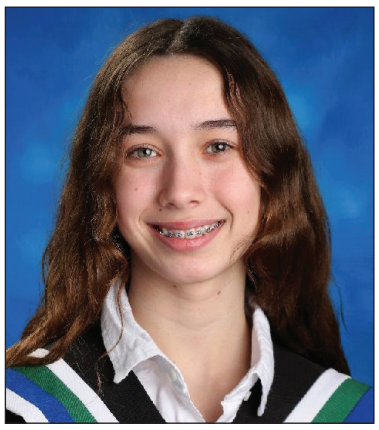
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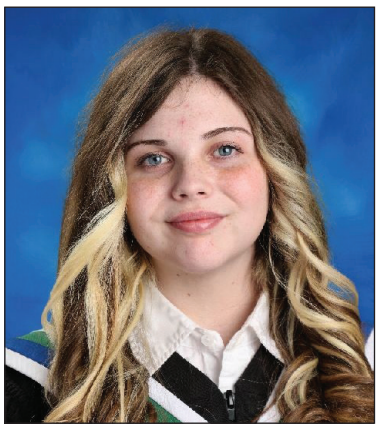
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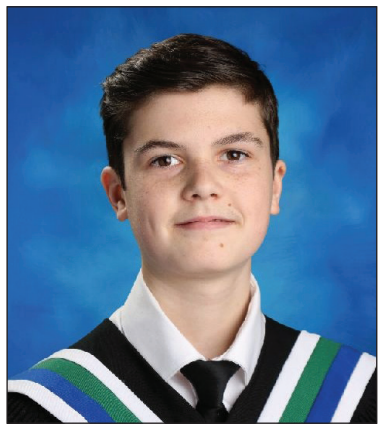
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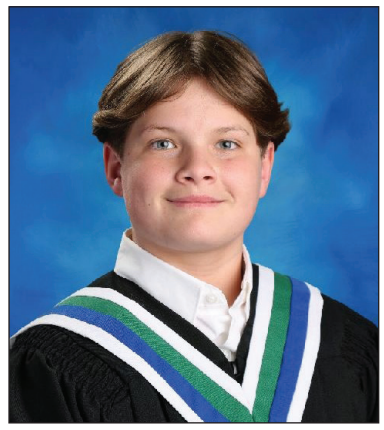
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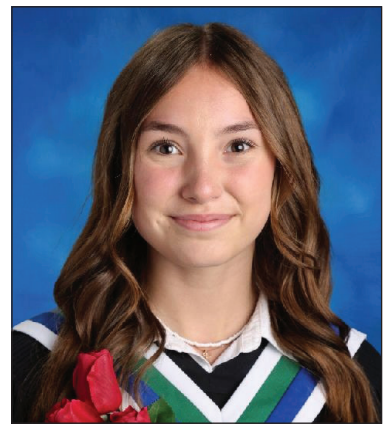
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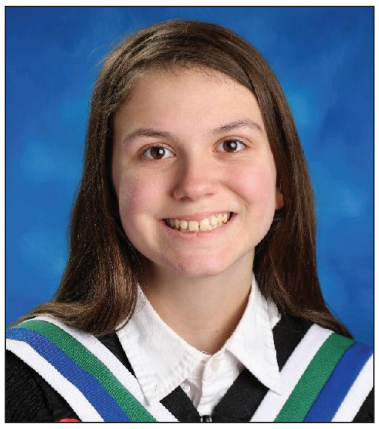
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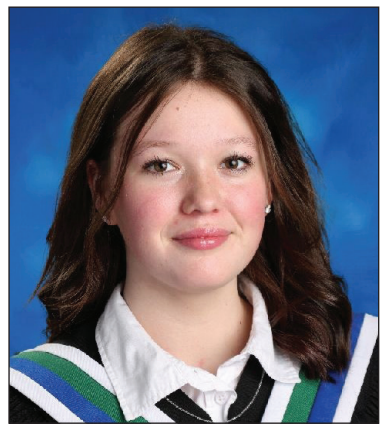
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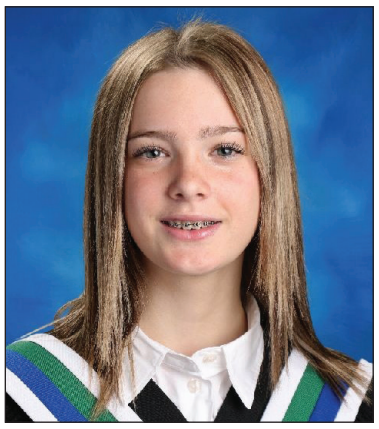
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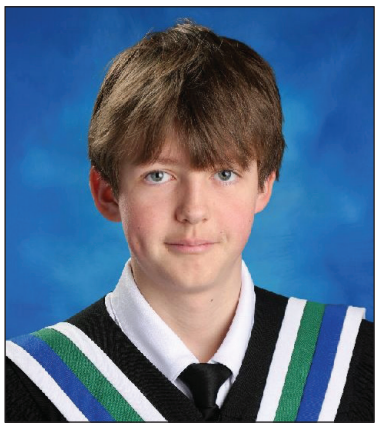
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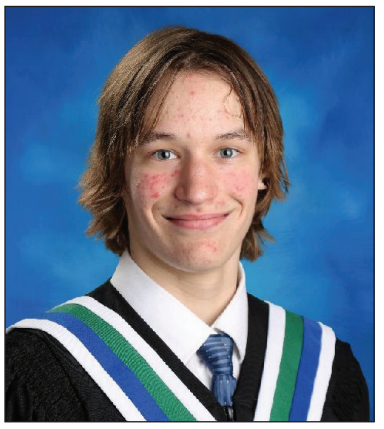
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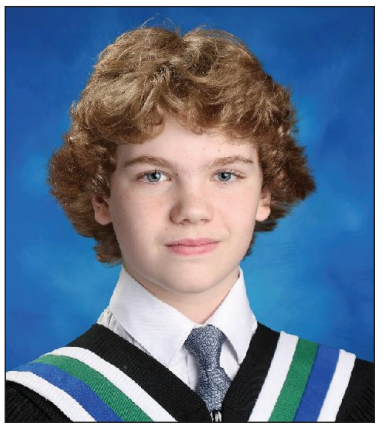
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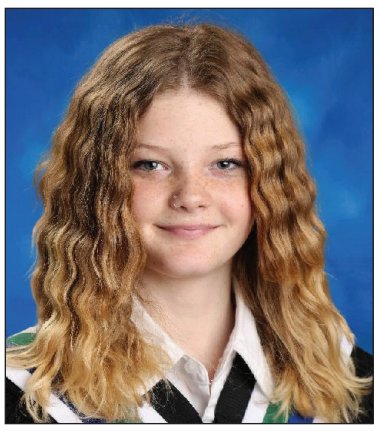
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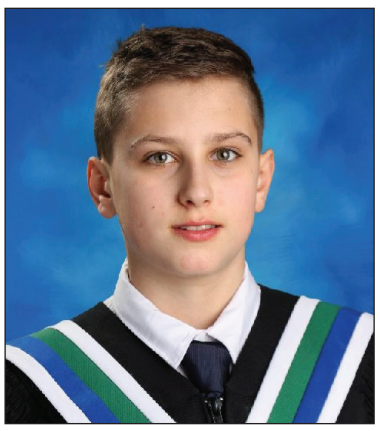
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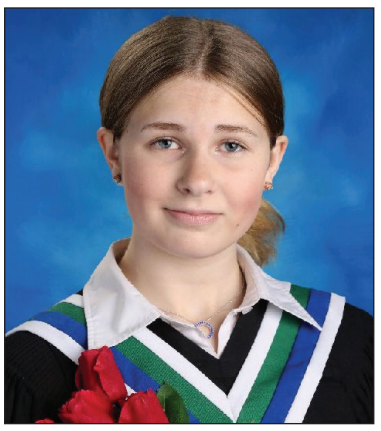
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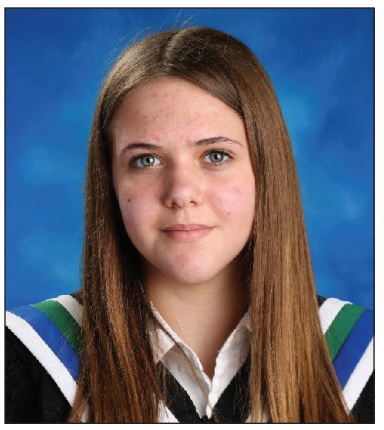
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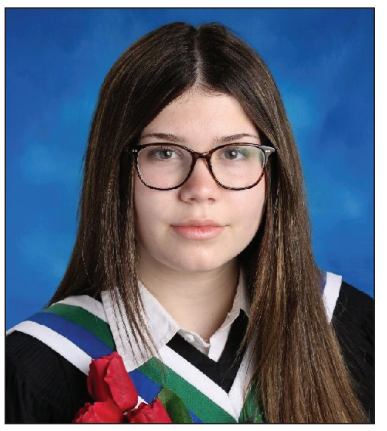
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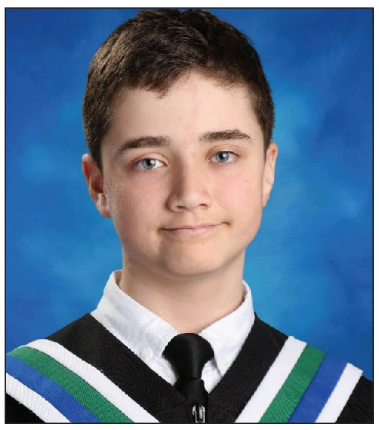
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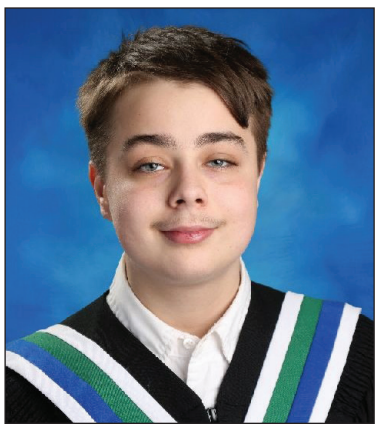
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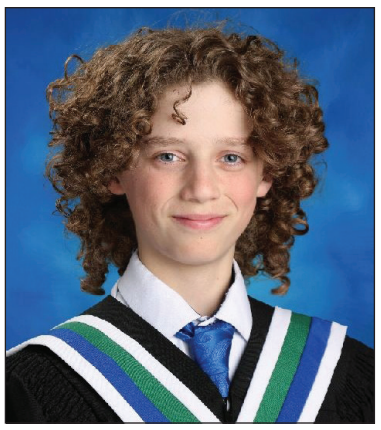
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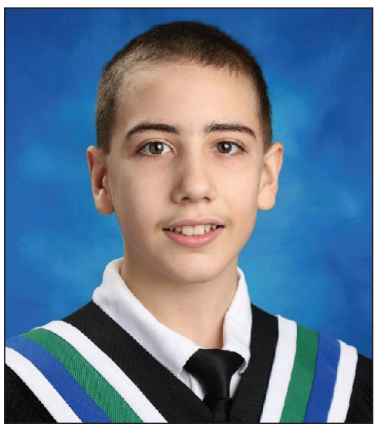
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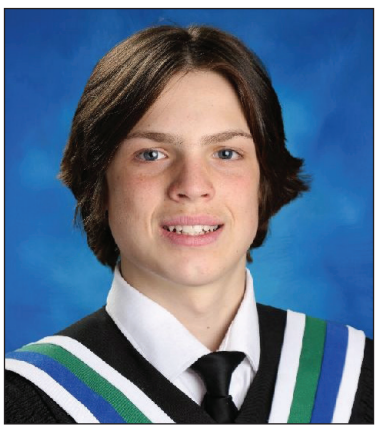
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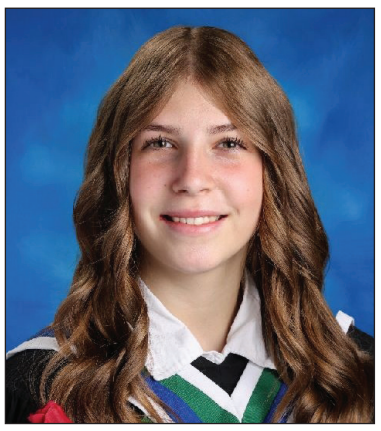
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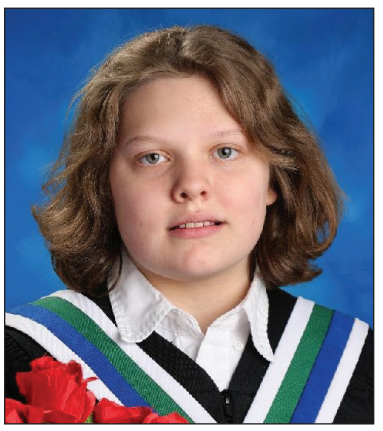
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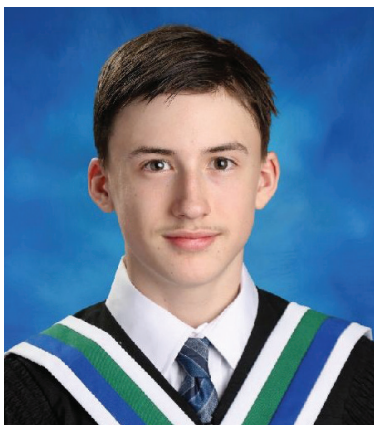
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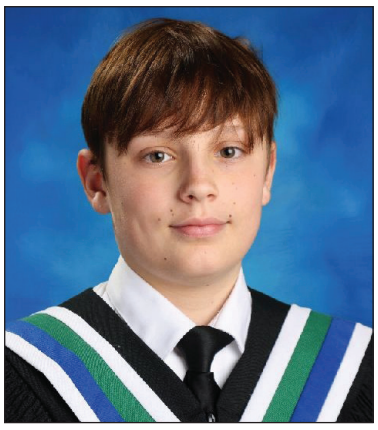
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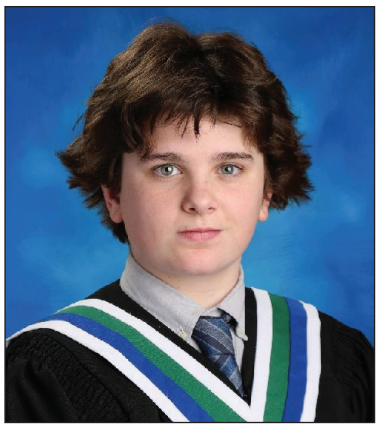
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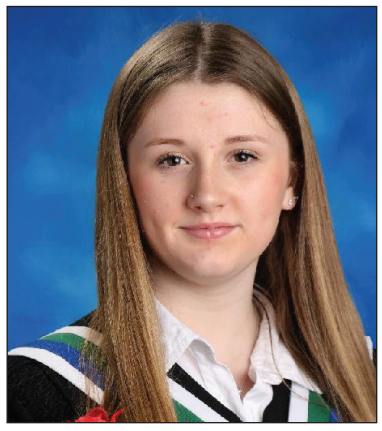
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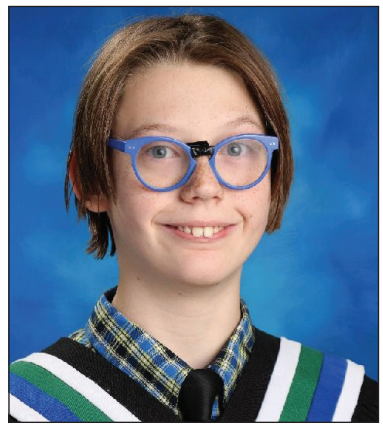
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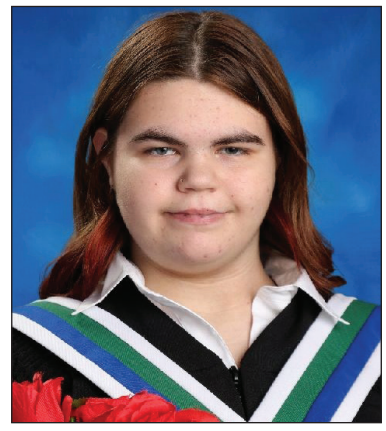
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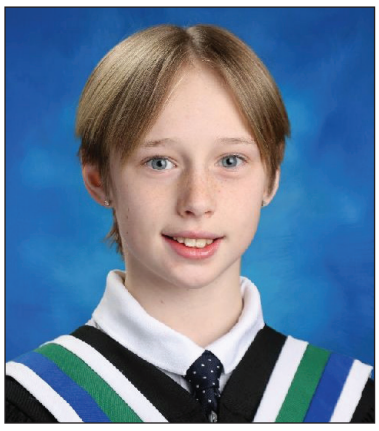
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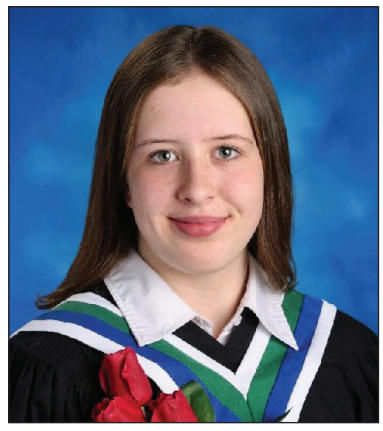
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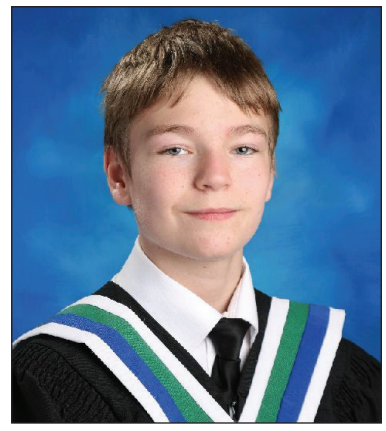
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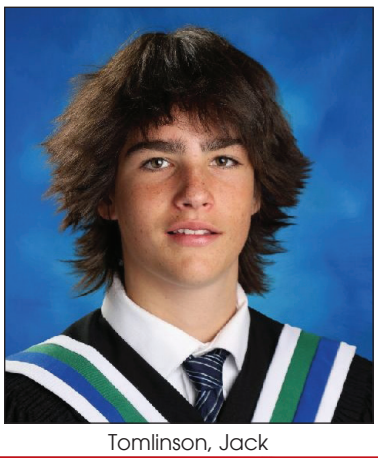
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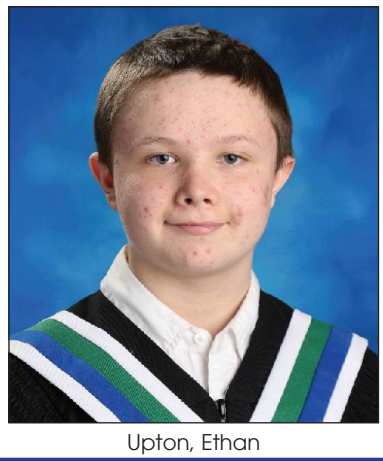
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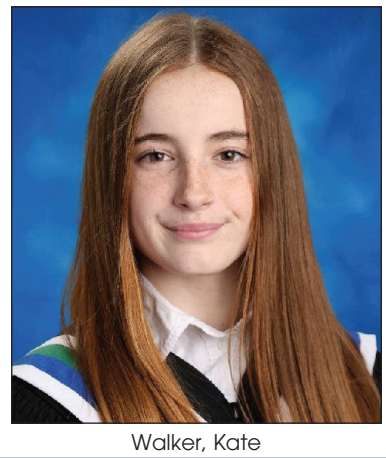
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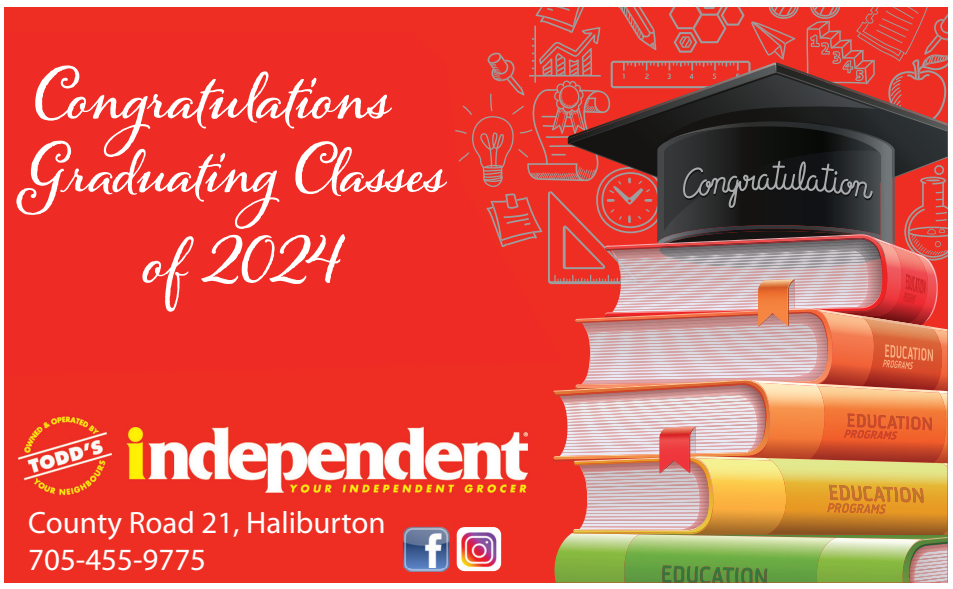

Linwood Barclay headlines Bookapalooza

Linwood Barclay must have a soft spot for the Haliburton Highlands.

The internationally best-selling author touches down in Minden on Saturday, July 13, just before heading off on a European promotional tour for his latest bestseller, *I Will Ruin You.*

Barclay is the headliner at Bookapalooza, an annual book festival organized by the Haliburton Arts Council. The event takes place in the Minden Community Center, 55 Parkside Street, from noon to 5:30 p.m.

Barclay will engage in dialogue with Ruth E. Walker, author of *Living Underground*, and take questions from the audience, from 3 to 4 p.m. He will be available for book signing both before and after.

Admission to the exhibit hall is free, thanks to sponsorship from Parker Pad and Printing (a ticket is required for Barclay's segment). There are door prizes, and you can enjoy a mocktail from the Kontos Mocktails Bar while you browse.

Bookapalooza is open from noon to 5:30 p.m. with dozens of local authors in attendance, offering up great reads in every genre – mystery, historical fiction, memoir, humour, and many more. Here are just a few:

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Sharon Lawrence (Minden) brings her just-published memoir, *Wolf Hollow Sanctuary*

Janet Trull (Haliburton Lake) offers *End of the Line*, a hammock-friendly ghost story about Haliburton's pioneer days.

The setting for Rosemary McCracken's four books in the Pat Tierney Mystery Series bears a strong resemblance to the Haliburton Highlands (wink wink).

Marie Gage (Horseshoe Lake) gives us rich historical fiction in *A Ring of Promises* and *Promise of the Bluebell Woods*, depicting the lives of newcomers to Canada in 1912 and the Second World War.

Douglas Tindal (Little Hawk Lake) offers *Tales from Wine on the Porch*, a collection of interlinked short stories about a group of (mostly) seniors who decide to live together. Laugh-out-loud funny.

Cathy Walker (Kawartha Lakes) has published nine novels in the fantasy genre, including her popular Witches series.

Caroline Misner (Eagle Lake) brings *The Spoon Asylum*, a young adult fiction novel about jazz, hard times, and summer camp.

Maighread MacKay gives us four *Lake Scugog Mysteries* in the intriguing genre of "visionary fiction," which incorporates themes of spirituality and mysticism.

The Dominion Hotel, 113 Main St., is sponsoring a dinner with Linwood Barclay at 6 p.m., for those who would like a more intimate encounter with the author. Tickets are $30 at the door for the afternoon session (The Big Book Club). Tickets for the dinner are $60 per person. There is a combo deal to attend both for $75. Proceeds support Bookapalooza and the work of the Arts Council. Visit www.haliburtonarts.on.ca for details.

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Floating Market event keeps art afloat

by **THOMAS SMITH**
Editor

Halls & Hawk Lakes Property Owners Association is excitedly preparing for their annual Floating Market event on August 10. The Floating Markets will take place at three locations in the area. These locations include Little Hawk Landing at 2029 Little Hawk Lake Road, Big Hawk Marina, and at Elvin Johnson Park.

"We started it about 5 or 6 years ago. We called it Swap on the Dock and we thought people could get rid of their stuff," says Joan Hamilton, vice-president of the Halls & Hawk Lake Property Owners Association. The Association learned that many people involved were artists. "So we started calling it floating markets and people started selling their own arts and crafts."

Artisans from all over participate, whether they live around the area full time, are seasonal residents, some do it as a passion while others do it as a main source of income, says Hamilton.

"Sometimes it's stainless steel art, sometimes it's stained glass art, sometimes it's pottery. There is quite a variety," said Hamilton. "Most people that participate in the market do say by the water. A lot of people do not like to leave their parking spot by having to drive somewhere else."

To make the event more inclusive, a station at Elvin Johnson Park was added in recent years. Elvin Johnson Park was chosen due to its proximity to Halls Lake and being accessible by car.

"Elvin Johnson Park was an ideal location for that to happen," says Hamilton.

While the people of Halls Lake don't want to drive, they are going to miss out on a lot of good stuff, says Hamilton.

There is a wide variety of artisans at each location of the market. Artisans that specialize in oil paintings, wood carvings, metal sculptures, carved furniture, photography, and more will be featured at each location.

"We want to spread out the artists, so that all the oil painters are in one place. There will be between 10 and 15 at each location," says Hamilton.

There is no fixed cost for artisans to participate in the Floating Markets. However, a donation to the Halls & Hawk Lakes Property Association is encouraged. Items donated are sold at the annual AGM that occurs in June to raise money for the association.

"It's meant to support the artistic community and not just making money," says Hamilton.

Last year, a large rainfall forced the market to be held at the marina. This year, a rain date has been scheduled for August 11 if needed. Typically, Hamilton says that around 150 people show up on Halls Lake, sometimes more.

The Floating Markets will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"By 2 p.m., people want to go on and do other things. So we are going to keep it 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.."

"I have had people come right up to my dock in a kayak. I've actually had someone swim over," said Joan Hamilton. "People are welcome to do that."

An artist paints the day away on the dock for the Floating Market. /Submitted

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When: Saturday July 20, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Where: Lloyd Watson Community Centre, 2249 Loop Rd, Wilberforce
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Where: Lloyd Watson Community Centre, 2249 Loop Rd, Wilberforce
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Surviving Magnelia Monsoon book signing event comes to Master's

by THOMAS SMITH
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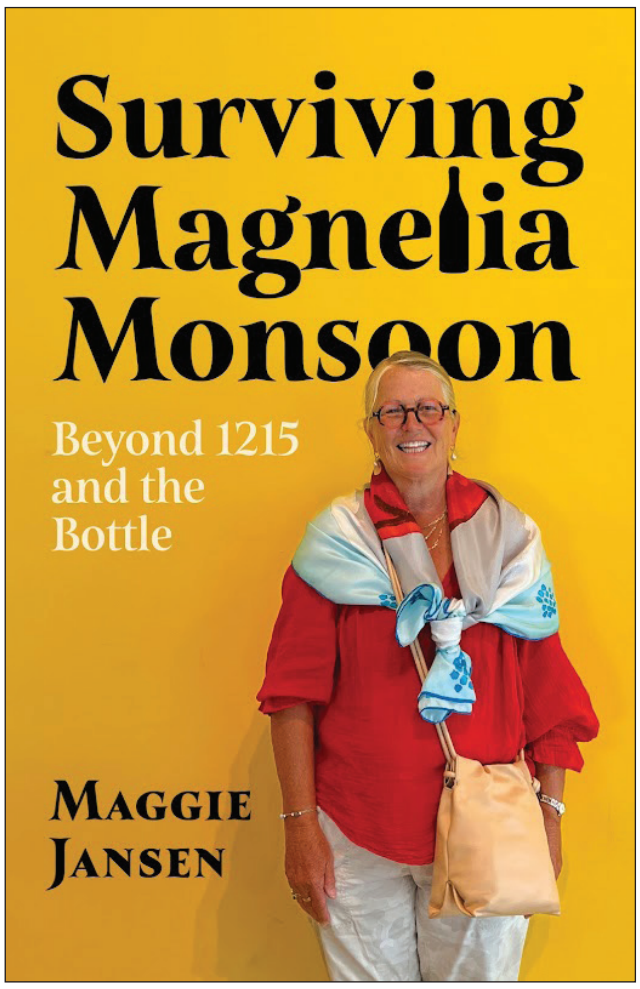

On July 16th, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Master's Bookstore will be hosting Maggie Jansen for a book signing of her new memoir *Surviving Magnelia Monsoon: Beyond 1215 and the Bottle*. "It's a book about hope, if I can get sober anybody can," said Jansen. "Don't despair."

"In my early 20s, my drinking was kinda fun and cute and I was the life of the party. My nickname was Magnelia Monsoon. In another 20 years of horrendous addiction, I became all monsoon. The cute, sunny, fun party girl became all monsoon, all about wreckage, destruction, and damage," said Jansen.

Jansen describes her memoir, *Surviving Magnelia Monsoon*, as a creative nonfiction memoir.

"I have recreated my memory as best as I can. I write creatively. I have a certificate in creative writing. Using devices you find in creative fiction, I wrote my true story as I remembered it."

Jansen attended the University of Toronto for creative writing and received a certificate from the University of Toronto School of Continuing Education.

"It started out as a 400 word assignment, ten years later it became a book," said Jansen.

"I think deep down, I've always been a bit of a writer, but never pursued it, the alcoholism got in the way. My eldest daughter encouraged me to take a course and my first assignment, I just couldn't stop writing. I needed 5 courses to graduate and I took 10, I just loved it. It was all these different pieces of the memoir, they are still in there."

Haliburton County and especially Minden, holds a special place in Jansen's heart.

"I have a cottage in Minden, I've raised kids here. It's where I hit rock bottom."

One summer, Jansen also worked as a waitress at the world famous Rockcliffe Tavern.

After completing her memoir, Jansen wanted to publish her story to share with others.

"Towards the end, I was trying to get it published. At that point I was 63, I was going to be a grandmother. I did not have the time to get my work published."

Jansen ultimately decided on self publishing her memoir.

Feeling safer at the cottage, Jansen took her kids to her cottage in Minden. Her father also came to support her while undergoing treatment.

"I met these infinitely kind and incredible people who passed me along. People would pick me up, an old farmer took me to so many meetings," said Jansen. "It was all these lake people, country people, people that I wasn't used to being associated with while living in the city."

Jansen attributes the community involved with AA and her own personal devotion having a heavy hand in saving her life.

"I always call AA this incredible invisible network of people supporting and loving one another. It is everywhere, even places you wouldn't think would be there. I owe my life to it."

"It was suggested to me to contact Kathy Stouffer at Master's Book Store. I phoned her to follow up and she asked if I would come on July 16th for a book signing from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.. She is very supportive, she actually had a lady go in and order my books. Kathy just seemed so supportive and kind," said Jansen.

"Reach out for help, to do it alone is so hard, whether it is rehab, AA, a counsellor, a neighbour, someone will get you to the right person."

Jansen describes recovery from a reliance on alcohol as an incredibly hard journey.

"To do it alone is hard. It is a disease that wants you dead. It taps on your shoulder all the time, it is tough. There is so much help out there these days, it is amazing."

"Alcoholism is cunning and powerful and baffling," said Jansen. "In my twenties, when I was Magnelia, before I hit monsoon, all I ever wanted to do in life was to be a good mother. I was raised in a wildly dysfunctional family. I turned out just like [my mother] in a way."

When Jansen's children were little, she describes her alcohol use disorder as not being an issue.

"I know 18 years later, that was the progressive journey into alcoholism. It is a progressive disease. Once my girls got older and I could get away with it, I started to drink more. Then my husband's career started to do better, so I didn't have to work. Once we had some more money I began to buy not a bottle of wine, but wine by the case. It was a creeping insidious thing in my life. I tried to be a loving wonderful wife that my children and husband deserved, but the dark side of me wanted to get drunk all the time."

"The shame I felt and desire to hide my secret nearly killed me," said Jansen. "I knew when I went into the detox, I knew standing in the detox that if I didn't get sober, I was going to lose him and my girls. "

"I was just being devoured by addiction and had no control going on. It was destroying my brain. I am so grateful for my husband and my girls. I was going to lose everything I cherished, everything."

The road to recovery was a long and perilous journey for Jansen that can be read about in her memoir, *Surviving Magnelia Monsoon: Beyond 1215 and the Bottle*. Copies of her memoir will be available for purchase at her book signing. Jansen is also very excited to connect with interested readers and lose living with alcohol use issues.

"I am living a life beyond anything I could have ever even visualized," said Jansen.

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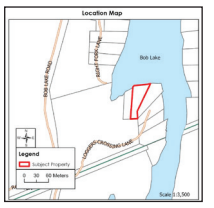
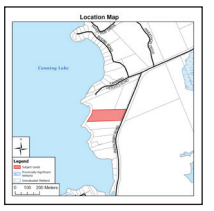
1. File No. PLSRA2023044: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Bob Lake, lying in front 1051 Loggers Crossing Lane located within Lot 12, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Anson



2. File No. PLSRA2024014: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Canning Lake, lying in front of 1237 Ingoldsby Road located within Lot 16, Concession 14, Geographic Township of Snowdon



The above noted applications are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario by appointment only. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the undersigned.

AND TAKE NOTICE should you wish to provide comments with respect to any of the above referenced applications, please submit in writing those comments to the undersigned not later than **August 1, 2024**.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected is asked to contact the undersigned at their earliest convenience.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE if deemed advisable, By-laws giving effect to the proposed closure and conveyance will be passed by the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills. Please note that a Council meeting to consider a By-law for the above referenced applications will be scheduled at a later date following the requiste commenting period.

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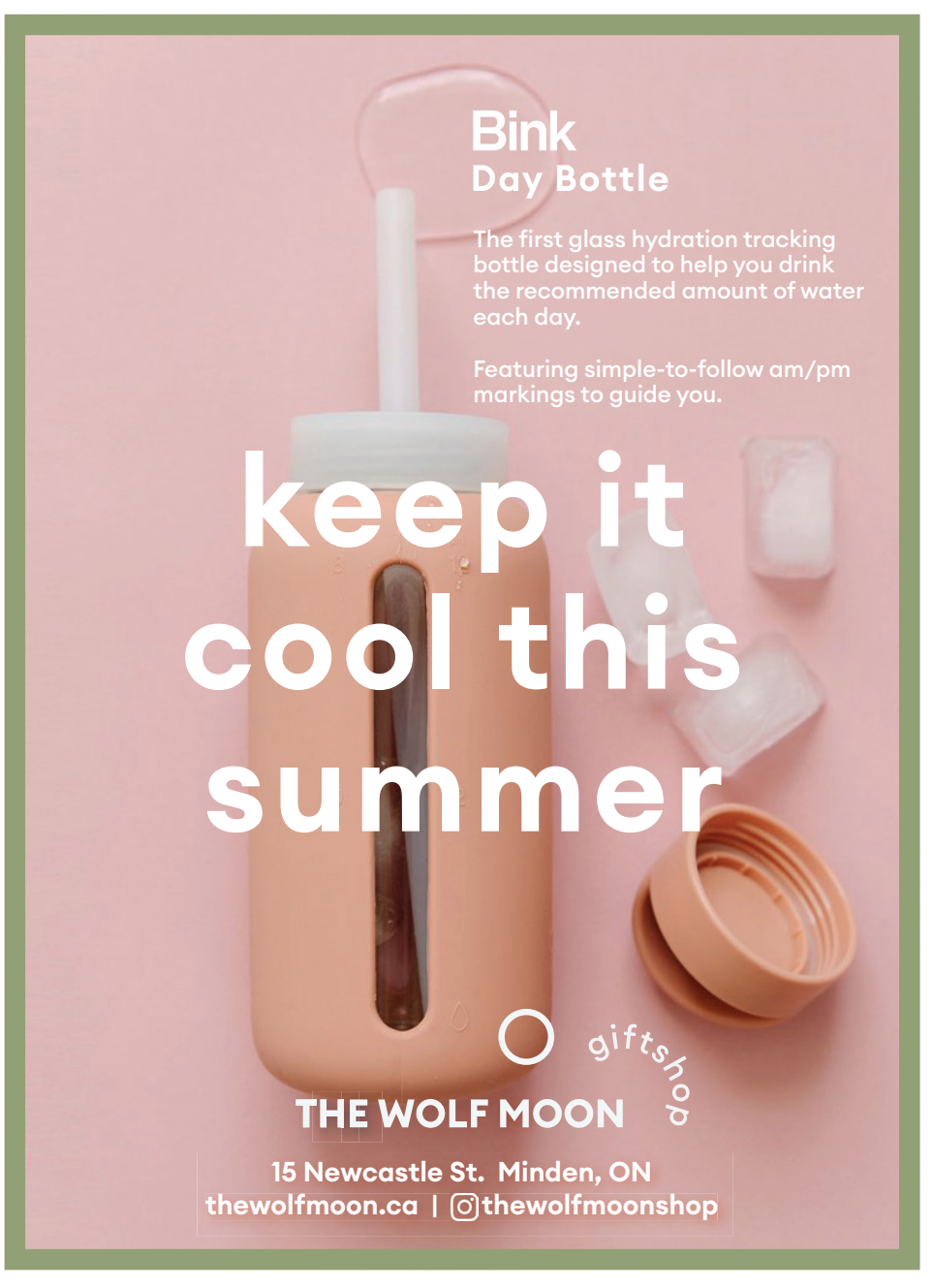
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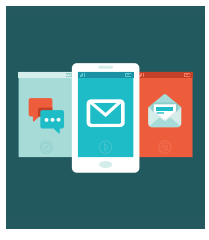

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Celebrating Stanhope

Kyra, 1, from Orangeville, pets a lamb for the first time. She visited the ninth annual Stanhope Heritage Day with her parents, which was hosted at the Stanhope Museum grounds on Saturday, July 16. See more on page 21. **Darren Lum** Times staff

Butterfly count sets records

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

It took just one small butterfly to have naturalists throughout the country all aflutter.

On July 9, the 12th annual butterfly count for Haliburton County brought back some record-breaking results and some beautiful, unique specimens.

Coordinated by field naturalist Ed Poropat, the count is conducted in a circle that spans the Minden, Gelert, Lochlin, Irondale and Moore Falls and measures approximately 15 miles in diameter.

With the assistance of 13 observers this year's count saw 60 different species of butterflies, a record-breaking number for any count in all of Canada.

"I don't think anybody had cracked 60 before, which is pretty spectacular," said Poropat.

Facilitated through the North American Butterfly Association, the count is just one of hundreds conducted across the continent.

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